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be printed. That's all that I had, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 2020-2029.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Members, we will return to LB 267, a General Affairs bill on Select File. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have to the bill is by Senator Hilgert, AM1719. (Legislative Journal page 1980.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Hilgert, you're recognized to open on your amendment to LB 267.

SENATOR HILGERT: Thank you, President, members. I bring this bill as an amendment that is derived from parts of LB 126, which is...I believe there's an IPP motion pending that had some debate earlier in this session. What this amendment does is it talks about the agreement that, and I hesitate to use that word so formally, but there was a consensus earlier in the session; and in fact, even before the session, that something had to be done, certainly, on the, perhaps on the retailer side, but also on the minor side. And this is what this amendment does. This amendment would address and increase some of the penalties for a minor in possession of alcohol. It also would establish a framework for compliance checks concerning sales to minors, and also redefine some terms. I'll describe the amendment. The current penalty for a minor in possession, or minor attempting to obtain alcohol, is a Class III misdemeanor, which has a maximum of \$500 fine and up to three months in jail. There's no minimum penalty. LB...the amendment that I'm proposing, AM 1719, would amend Section 53-180 concerning penalties for a minor in possession or a minor attempting to buy alcohol as follows. The first offense would be a mandatory \$250 fine and driver's license suspension of six months. The second offense, a mandatory \$500 fine and driver's license suspension of one year, and the third offense would be a mandatory \$750 fine and driver's license suspension for two years or until the age of 21, whichever is longer. If granted probation, a mandatory is driver's license suspension for 90 days for the first offense, and six months for second or subsequent offenses. All minor in possession violation would also be reported to parents. The amendment would also make two other changes. One, it would